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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**Sixty-First Annual Session**  
of the  
**Johnston Baptist Association**  
Held With  
**ST. AMANDA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
October 17-19, 1947  
Rt. 1, Garner, N. C.  
Rev. J. A. Avery, Pastor



**Semi-Annual Session**  
Held With  
**NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
R. F. D. 1, Clayton, N. C.  
Rev. A. G. Coley, Pastor  
March 29-30, 1947

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 Watts Chapel—Deacons Wm. Barnee, H. B. Thomas, Wm. Ballentine, Patrick Burt, Otha Kearney.  
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 Galilee—Deacons A. F. Sanders, Walter Moore, W. J. Sanders, H. H. Williams, F. V. Sanders, T. T. Rowland

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Mt. Nebo, Raleigh—Rev. B. F. Newkirk, Bros. J. Upchurch, L. T. Brown and Sisters Helen H. Brown, Mittie Frierio  
 Galilee—Deacon Walter Moore and Rev. N. C. Sanders  
 Green Hill—Rev. R. Penny and Deacon H. J. Sanders  
 New Bethel, Mrs. Lillian Wilder and Rev. A. G. Coley  
 New Hill—Rev. Wm. Giles  
 Lee's Cross Road—Rev. H. D. Eaton and Rev. B. H. Closs.  
 Southern Grove—Bro. Isaac Joyner  
 New Vester—Rev. W. H. Mitchiner, Bros. J. S. Dean and C. H. Boykin  
 Johnston, Piney Grove—Deacon G. Williams and W. McLean  
 White Oak Hill—Bros. Hosea McAlister and L. P. Stancil  
 Watts Chapel—Deacons Otha Kearney and Patrick Burt  
 Sanders Grove—Bro. Crayton McLean  
 Green Chapel—Bro. Leo J. Penny  
 Mt. Moria—Mrs. Emma Gails  
 First Baptist, Smithfield—Deacons Willis Sanders and E. L. Frierson  
 Silver Chapel—Sisters Mozell Holder, Gayzel Stancil and Bro. J. C. Stancil  
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 St. Amanda—Deacon John Barbour  
 Mt. Carmel, Pine Level—Rev. W. L. Davis  
 Oaky Grove—Deacons Percy Nichols and Joseph Judkins  
 Henderson Chapel—Deacon H. Johnson  
 First Baptist, Wilson Mills—Sister Onnie Boylan and Bro. G. Sanders  
 Williams Grove—Rev. W. G. Hall  
 West Lenoir Street, Raleigh—Sister Gertrude Perry  
 Strickland Grove—Bro. Henry Coyette, Jr.  
 Excelsior—Rev. W. L. Davis  
 Good Samaritan—Deacon D. C. Tomlinson and Bro. Z. N. Jones  
 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh—Deacons Joseph Whitaker, Rufus McCullers  
 First Baptist, Selma—Deacons Chas. H. Saunders, T. A. Freeman, M. N. Sherrod, Sisters Adelia Saunders, Laney Coley, and Prof. M. L. Wilson  
 First Baptist, Kenly—Deacon J. H. Manning, Sister L. B. Scott, and Rev. S. F. Benjamin  
 First Baptist, Clayton—Deacon Clarence Sanders

### CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as "The Johnston Baptist Association."

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, namely: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Shaw University. The means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen

by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to two or more delegates. Ministers who are members of Missionary Baptist Churches in good standing may become annual members by paying \$1 at any annual meeting: provided ministers who aided in the organization of this Association shall be considered members so long as they remain in good standing in any Missionary Baptist Church.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving account of the condition of the church and statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the term.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Historian, and Director of Religious Education, who shall be elected annually by the Association. In addition to these there shall be elected annually by the Association an Executive Board, provided that the Moderator and the Clerk be ex officio members.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberation of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, giving his opinion concerning any question under discussion after others have spoken or when called upon to give the casting vote in case of tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to record proceedings of each session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during these sessions of this body, and to disburse the same for the purpose for which they were collected. He shall not pay orders drawn on the Treasurer except it be signed by the Moderator and Clerk of the Association.

Article 9. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present its petition at an annual session of the Association through delegates appointed for the purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Article 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any church or churches that neglect to preserve good order.

Article 11. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges save that of voting.

Article 12. The annual session of this body shall convene on Friday, 10:00 A.M. before the third Sunday in October of each year and at such place as this body shall elect, and close on Sunday afternoon.

Article 13. The ministers composing the Association shall hold three ministerial meetings a year in places as the brethren may designate.

Article 14. We will receive no ministers into the Association but those who have good moral character. Each ordained minister is to pay an annual fee of \$1.00 at each annual session of the Association and 50 cents at each semi-annual; each licensed preacher is to pay 50 cents at each annual session and 25 cents at each semi-annual; each deacon is to pay 50 cents at each annual session, and each lay member is to pay 25 cents at each annual session.

Article 15. This fund shall be the Johnston Baptist Association Pension Fund. Worthy and eligible ministers and members of the association shall be the beneficiaries of the fund.



This fund shall be directed by the Trustee Board on Pensions of this Association. The Trustee Board on Pensions is elected by the Association and is fully amenable to the same.

Each church of this association is requested and expected to pay at least \$5.00 to the Pension at the annual session of the association. One-fourth of the net income from the associational property shall annually be applied to this Pension Fund.

The matter of fees to be paid by proposed beneficiary ministers and ministers of this association is to be worked out by the Trustee Board on Pensions and approved by this association.

The worthiness, eligibility and sum to be received by each person benefitted are to be determined by the Trustee Board on Pensions.

## PROCEEDINGS

On March 29, 1947, 10:45 a.m., in absence of Moderator J. W. Jones on account of illness, Vice-Moderator A. A. Heartley called this association to order in semi-annual session by leading in singing "Draw Me Nearer." Rev. Wm. R. Saunders read Rom. 12:1-7. Rev. E. D. Pretty was joined in prayer. "Stand Up for Jesus," was sung with Deacon N. A. Bush leading.

Gracious welcome greetings were extended by Rev. A. G. Coley, pastor, host church, New Bethel. It was stated by Pastor Coley that the fine fellowship and cooperation of the association will greatly help the church. An appreciative and appropriate response was made by Rev. W. H. Pair.

Expressions on the "Condition of the Field" were given. Rev. W. H. Davis stated Mt. Carmel is making ready to build; Galilee was represented by Deacon W. J. Sanders as functioning in its various aspects; Deacon E. L. Frierson told that the First Baptist Church, Smithfield, is in splendid condition even though without a pastor; Oaky Grove was represented by Deacon N. A. Bush as in good working condition; Deacon C. H. Saunders said the First Baptist Church of Selma was progressing materially and spiritually and that souls are being won to Christ; West Lenoir Street of Raleigh was described helpfull progress as a church family, was the version of Mrs. Gertrude Perry; Rev. Wm. McSwain extolled Strickland Grove as doing well; White Oak Hill has good leadership and is moving forward, was the statement of Bro. D. W. Wiggins; Rev. W. H. Mitchiner spoke for New Vester and Green Chapel under his pastorates, even though his health has been feeble, are doing nicely in worthy ways; Deacon J. B. Barfield said Jesus is being magnified at Green Hill; Rev. W. G. Hall represented Fayetteville Street and Williams Grove as doing work in winning to the Kingdom of Righteousness; Rev. I. C. Lee said Watts Chapel is endeavoring to follow the program of Jesus; Spring Hill is preparing to build a new edifice, was told by Bro. Roy Whitt; First Baptist of Clayton is pressing to the front, was stated by Rev. N. C. Sanders; New Hill has worthy and promising outlook, according to Pastor Wm. Giles; New Bethel is doing well under the leadership of Rev. A. G. Coley.

The Finance Committee was appointed composed of Deacon N. A. Bush, Rev. A. G. Coley, and Rev. H. E. Clark.

Rev. L. C. Riddick was presented to lay the program of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina before us. This he did with convincing clarity. Among the things emphasized by him

were: Relief for Ministers, B. T. U. Literature, Promotion of Christian Education, Stewardship Practice, Supporting Proposed Baptist Headquarters Building Program, and secured the benefits from the planned training conferences and institutes.

Vice-moderator A. A. Heartley heartily endorsed the message of Rev. Riddick with request for its full support.

Rev. Wm. R. Saunders delivered the sermon in place of Rev. S. F. Benjamin, in association with Rev. H. E. Clark. His message was based on Luke 16:10 with "Stewardship of Life" as his subject. With major emphasis he mentioned: 1. Small beginnings are usual. 2. You follow Jesus or Satan. 3. Our choice is the difference. 4. Following Jesus is constructively productive. 5. Fellowship of Jesus gives the best fellowship association.

Offering and fees were given to the sum of \$17.00. The following named paid 50c each: Rev. N. L. Horton, Wm. R. Saunders, A. A. Heartley, W. H. Pair, H. E. Clark, Wm. Giles, E. D. Pretty, W. H. Mitchiner, J. T. Hocutt, N. C. Sanders, Wm. McSwain, I. C. Lee, A. G. Coley and A. B. Johnson, C. H. Frierson (\$5.00). Deacons, 25c each: N. A. Bush, E. L. Frierson, D. W. Wiggins, R. D. W. Scarboro, F. Oneal, L. Holder, R. Holder, D. Smith, A. Smith, G. W. Wilder, E. Sanders, M. Mitchell, W. J. Sanders, and M. N. Sherrod.

Saturday afternoon session began at 3 o'clock with devotions being led by Revs. E. D. Pretty and H. H. Sanders. Rev. Sanders led in singing "Amazing Grace." Scripture reading was by Rev. Pretty, Matt. 5:1-20. Invocation was given by Rev. Wm. McSwain.

The minutes were read and adopted. By vote the evening meeting was cancelled.

Rev. J. A. Avery accompanied by Rev. W. G. Hall delivered the sermon of the hour. His text was Ex. 12:13. Blood is essential to salvation, was the subject of the preacher. His sermon included: 1. Utility of blood. 2. Blood needed in acceptable sacrifice. 3. Atoning blood of Jesus. 4. Sign of blood redemption.

following the sermon Rev. W. G. Hall led in singing and a fervent prayer.

Fees and offerings summed \$7.50, with following named ministers paying 50c each: T. J. Davis, J. A. Avery, W. G. Hall, and H. H. Sanders (\$1.00). Deacons, 25c each; C. H. Sanders, M. W. Heartley, E. Sanders, and I. Barfield.

Benediction—Rev. C. H. Frierson.

With Vice-moderator in charge Sunday School began at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The outlined order of service in the quarterly was followed. The classes were taught by Mrs. A. B. Davis, Rev. A. G. Coley and Rev. A. A. Heartley. An offering of \$5.00 was given. The lesson review was made by Bro. Joseph Wilder.

Following the intermission reassemblage was had at 11:30 a.m. The devotional service was led by Revs. H. E. Clark and E. Henry. Rev. Clark led in singing hymn 162. Rev. Henry read Jer. 5:1-6 and offered prayer.

The outlook for the auxiliaries of the association was given: Rev. A. G. Coley stated the work and outlook of the Johnston District B. T. U. Convention is functioning reasonably well.

Mrs. A. B. Davis reported the work of the Women's Missionary Union was gradually progressing and appealed for more cooperation and financial help for training courses, etc.

Secretary J. W. Mitchiner of the Johnston Sunday School Conven-

tion expressed that the organization is pushing training courses for Sunday workers in an enlarged way.

The presiding officer made remarks endorsing and encouraging the work of the auxiliaries.

The gospel message of the time was delivered by Rev. R. H. Jones. He was accompanied by Revs. A. G. Coley and R. Penny. Rev. Coley led the hymn and prayer. The text of the minister was John 11:28, theme, "The Master Calls." The message stressed: 1. Jesus always masters the situations. 2. Illustratively—temptation, Gethsemane, stormy sea, and the cross. 3. Jesus calls to self-denial and unselfish service. 4. Jesus calls to reward and rest.

Just after the sermon Rev. E. Henry sang, "It Is Real to Me."

By vote Moderator J. W. Jones was made delegate to the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention at Roanoke, Va.

Fees and offering totaled \$27.10. Revs. Odell Williams, E. Henry, R. H. Jones, and R. Penny paid 50c each; Deacons J. Judkins, Q. N. Morgan, Jas. Conyers, C. W. Sanders, R. Dodd, and T. A. Freeman 25c each.

Mr. L. R. Johnson, Farm Agent, made a talk on the importance of diversified crops, health, cooperation, and production.

The Finance Committee made report of having an income of \$126.70 which was adopted. An unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the host church for generous and pleasant hospitalities.

#### DISBURSEMENTS

To Rev. A. A. Heartley, Vice-moderator, \$7.00; Rev. W. H. Mitchiner, Treas., \$5.00; Rev. Wm. R. Saunders, sermon, \$3.00; Rev. J. A. Avery, sermon, \$3.00; Rev. R. H. Jones, sermon, \$5.00; New Bethel Church, donation, \$5.00; Finance Committee, services, \$4.50; General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for Building Funds, \$50.00; A. B. Johnson, programs, stationery, postage, and services, \$12.00.

Benediction, Rev. A. A. Heartley.

REV. A. A. HEARTLEY, Vice-moderator.

A. B. JOHNSON, Clerk.

### SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The sixty-first annual session of the Johnston Baptist Association opened at 10:30 a.m., October 17, 1947, at St. Amanda Baptist Church, Rev. J. A. Avery, pastor.

Moderator J. W. Jones presided. The devotions were led by Vice-moderator A. A. Heartley and Rev. E. D. Pretty. The singing was led by Rev. Pretty as was the prayer. Rev. A. B. Johnson led in quoting John 3:16 for the scripture.

Vice-moderator A. A. Heartley discussed the general theme, "The Challenge of Love," stressing: 1. Love is vitally basic to Christian living. 2. Love is required to secure and sustain proper relation to fellowman. 3. Sacrifice emanates from love. 4. Divine relation to mankind is evidenced in love.

Clerk Johnson gave reinforcement talk to the general theme message of Rev. Heartley emphasizing: 1. The theme bespeaks a daring challenge. 2. Love is the motivating power to Christian endeavors.

Following the devotional period Moderator J. W. Jones made timely remarks thusly: 1. We should be tempered and governed by love.



2. Deep gratitude was expressed for his recovery from a serious and prolonged illness. 3. Friendliness and love bespoke his attitude toward his fellowman.

The program was read and approved as the guide for the session. It was arranged by vote that Rev. A. A. Heartley preach "the Educational Sermon" in the absence of Rev. Wm. R. Saunders. The Enrollment Committee was appointed composed of Bros. Joseph Whitaker, C. L. Sanders, and Jarvis Terrell.

Remarks were given on "The Condition of the Field" as follows: Deacon W. J. Sanders, Galilee, is in love; First Baptist of Smithfield was represented by Deacon Willis Sanders, that progress is being made; Deacon D. Holder said Spring Hill is building successfully; First Baptist of Clayton was put on record by Deacon C. L. Sanders as doing well generally; Bro. G. Williams stated Johnston Piney Grove is in splendid condition; prayer meeting is wide awake at Watts Chapel was the version of Deacon Kerney; Deacon C. H. Saunders said the First Baptist Church of Selma is moving along progressively and constructively; Fayetteville Street of Raleigh is doing good work, was the statement of Deacon Joseph Whitaker; Deacon N. H. Watson said Lee's Cross Road is making improvement; Strickland Grove is moving forward in the right direction; First Baptist of Kenly is gradually making the upward march; West Lenoir Street of Raleigh is small, but growing, was the word of Mrs. Gertrude Perry; New Hill shows evidence of gradual improvement but struggling, according to Pastor W. M. Giles; Green Hill is following the good pastorate of Rev. R. Penny, said Deacon H. J. Sanders; White Oak Hill is growing spiritually and materially was the way Bro. L. Holder saw it.

Deacon Percy Nichols said love prevails at Oaky Grove; New Bethel is spiritually and financially sound, according to its delegation; Deacon Geo. Sanders gave to understand First Baptist of Wilson Mill is measuring up to a high standard of Christian service; Rev. W. H. Mitchiner said New Vester and Green Chapel are alert in worthy ways and activities; Sanders Grove evidences growth, was the remarks of Deacon C. McLean; according to Pastor W. L. Davis, Excelsior is securing favorable results even though small.

Silver Chapel is weak but ambitious in Christian ways, according to Bro. D. Stancil; Deacon H. Johnson said Henderson Chapel is endeavoring to function; Deacon J. M. Frierson said Nebo of Raleigh is new in its organization and church building and was a prospect for membership into this association; Deacon Williamson of St. Amanda advised, that what you see around you here bespeaks we are doing well.

By vote Rev. I. C. Lee was chosen to preach in the place of Rev. Jas. N. Smith. Rev. Lee immediately assumed the responsibility with the association of Rev. S. F. Benjamin. Rev. Benjamin read the 1st chapter of I John and the prayer was led by Rev. Benjamin. Rev. Lee's text was Is. 53:5 and his subject "Love Brought Him Down." He preached an inspiring sermon, laying claim: 1. Text and context introduce Jesus to the world. 2. Love of God displaces sin. 3. Isaiah was prepared by confession, repentance and cleansing to be used of the Lord. 4. Isaiah's vision of God and the live coal that touched and purged him gave him the needed zeal and enthusiasm.

The sermon was followed by a hymn led by Rev. N. C. Sanders, and favorable of the sermon by Moderator Jones.

The offering including fees were given to the sum of \$31.20. The following named ministers paid annual fees: Revs. J. W. Jones, A. A. Heartley, E. D. Pretty, M. L. Horton, C. H. Heath, Wm. Giles, A. L. Bridges, H. E. Clark, I. C. Lee, S. F. Benjamin, N. C. Sanders, Odell Williams, A. A. Anderson, N. Mitchell, R. Penny, W. L. Davis, Walter Gails, C. H. Frierson, and J. W. Powell, \$1.00 each. Licensed preachers: Bros. Hosea McAlister and Jesse Mitchiner, 50c each.

### Friday Afternoon

At 3:00 o'clock the session opened. Revs. B. F. Newkirk and Wm. Giles directed the devotions by singing "Amazing Grace," under the guidance of Rev. Giles and the reading of Rev. 1:1-5, and prayer by Rev. Newkirk. The devotional talk was made by Rev. Giles "Requirement for Christian Service." 1. Cleansed. 3. Dedicate life to service of Jesus. 3. Tell others of the love of Jesus.

Vice-moderator A. A. Heartley appropriately presented Moderator J. W. Jones for his annual message. His message aside from recommendation among other things included tersely—Service is motivated by love. Daily activities show our service. Fearless service should be rendered anywhere. A high tribute was paid the early workers of the association. Make worthy contacts and gain broad horizon.

The moderator's address was commended and referred to a committee.

Treasurer, Rev. W. H. Mitchiner, made a satisfactory account of his office which was adopted along with the report of Auditor, Rev. C. H. Heath.

Other reports that were made and approved include the Historian, Bro. J. W. Mitchiner; Women's Missionary Union, Mrs. Adelian Saunders; Ministers and Deacons' Union, Rev. J. T. Hocutt; Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention.

A report from Committee on New Bodies recommended the admission of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Raleigh, into membership. This report was accepted by vote.

Revs. T. J. Davis and C. W. Wall paid \$1.00 each as annual fee. Benediction, Rev. A. A. Heartley.

### Friday Evening

7:30 o'clock marked the opening hour. The worship service was conducted by Revs. H. H. Sanders and H. E. Clark. Rev. Sanders was joined in singing "Precious Name," following which he read John 13:1-17. Rec. C. W. Wall offered prayer. With marked enthusiasm and effect Reverend Clark led in singing "Don't Wonder About Him."

In association with Rev. J. W. Powell, Rev. A. A. Heartley delivered the Educational Sermon. Prov. 12:8, 9, was this text. His message paramount: 1. Education endeavors to overcome or eliminate the objectionable. 2. Richly develops the desirable. 3. Church should be a center of proper education. 4. Adversity purifies, enlightens, and fires holy zeal.

This thoughtfully penetrating message was followed immediately by a very earnest prayer by Rev. J. W. Powell.

Rev. S. F. Daly presented the merits and claims of Shaw University. Education is rather comprehensive in scope. Shaw University injects Christianity into its educational program. Extension educational courses are provided by Shaw University for in-service work-



ers. Moral and material support is needed to carry forward its program.

The welcome pleasure was expressed by Rev. J. Avery, pastor, in a way that struck a fine responsive chord in the delegation. Bro. J. W. Mitchiner made the appreciative acceptance.

Offering, \$24.27.

Benediction, Rev. A. A. Heartley.

### Saturday Morning

At the call of Moderator Jones this session got under way at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. W. G. Hall led in singing, "Draw Me Nearer." Rev. N. L. Horton read Rom. 13th chapter. Rev. Hall offered prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Bro. A. F. Sanders made report for the Trustee Board, which was adopted. Committee appointments were read.

Revs. W. L. Wilson and O. E. Dunn were introduced and helpful remarks were made. Rev. B. H. Closs accompanied by Revs. H. H. Sanders and O. E. Dunn preached the Missionary Sermon. His text was Ps. 8:4. "Search Yourself" was his subject. His message included: 1. Search will discover littleness of self. 2. Search will make known God's omnipotence. 3. Man is dependent upon God. Man is effective in righteousness in the hand of God.

In absence of Executive Secretary Thos. Kilgore of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, Rev. O. L. Sherrill gave an illuminating talk on the work of that convention. His message indicated it was favorably received.

The offering and fees made \$38.85. Revs. B. H. Closs, H. H. Sanders, O. E. Dunn, W. G. Hall, A. G. Coley, R. H. Jones, Walter Gails; licensed preachers, Bros. Willis Wall and L. S. Stokes.

Benediction, Rev. O. E. Dunn.

### Saturday Afternoon

Subsequent to the hour's session of the Women's Missionary Union the association as an organization resumed its activities. Rev. J. W. Jones made report as delegate to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for 1946. His report showed the convention as promoting missions and education in a big way. The full support of the association was urgently solicited. This report was approved.

The following named committee reports were made and adopted: Resolutions, Sermons, Place, Missions, Temperance, Moderator, Disbursements, New Bodies.

Rev. J. S. McFarlin and Rev. W. H. Pair paid fee of \$1.00 each. Rev. A. B. Johnson and Bro. John Heath, 50c.

Benediction, Rev. J. S. McFarlin.

### Saturday Evening

The session began at 7:15 o'clock. The praise service was led by Revs. O. E. Dunn, W. G. Hall, and Alex Terrell. "Amazing Grace" was led in singing by Rev. Dunn. Rev. Hall prayed. Rev. Dunn sang a special song dedicated to Moderator J. W. Jones and 12th chapter of Romans. Rev. Terrell discussed briefly "The Transcendancy of Love," stating: 1. Love is the axis of all creation. 2. God's love is imprinted and evidenced everywhere.



Rev. R. Penny gave the gospel message. Ps. 119:105 was the text. "Illumined Light," was his subject. There is no substitute for light. Godly light bespeaks righteousness. A great satisfaction is derived from the guidance of light. These were pertinent statements of the preacher. Rev. J. S. McFarlin was joined in a fervent prayer.

The offering was \$13.59.

Benediction, Rev. R. Penny.

### Sunday Morning

Under the guidance of Bro. J. A. Byrd Sunday was started at 10:30. Following a brief devotional period a lesson study period was held. The financial report was made thusly: Rev. J. W. Powell class, \$5.05; Mrs. L. M. Holt class, \$3.94; Rev. W. S. Wall class, \$1.20; Mrs. L. M. Sanders class, \$3.94; Mrs. L. M. Holt class, \$1.76; Mrs. Adelia Saunders class, \$1.75. Bro. J. W. Mitchiner served the post of secretary during the Sunday School hour.

The full morning worship service began at 11:30 o'clock with Moderator Jones presiding. Rev. A. L. Bridges led the opening devotions, associate by Rev. H. E. Clark. "I Need Thee Every Hour" was sung with Rev. Clark and he read Songs 2:1-9. Rev. T. J. Davis led the prayer. Rev. Bridges made the talk on "Love's Productive Attractive Beauty." Love is the pillar of a constructive foundation. Love begets beauty. Love is beautiful in consideration of others. These are expressions of the speaker on this topic. Rev. Clark discussed the topic further to the effect love is a beautiful chain and love makes beautiful provisions. Clerk A. B. Johnson read the minutes of the Saturday session which were heartily approved.

Rev. N. C. Sanders made ready for the Doctrinal Sermon. He was helped by Revs. Sam Williams and A. A. Heartley. Rev. Sanders announced Rom. 8:1 the text. "Christ, the believers' security," was his subject. In his inspiring message he emphasized: 1. Priest offered sacrifice for himself and the people typifying. 2. Jesus the real high priest of glory sacrificed in reality once for all time. 3. Christians are forever anchored securely in Jesus.

Along with the offering of \$40.72 were the fee of \$1.00 each from Revs. J. A. Avery, J. E. Marks, and Wm. McSwain. By vote Moderator J. W. Jones and retiring Vice-moderator A. A. Heartley were elected delegates to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for 1947.

The condensed report of the Finance Committee, showing an income from all sources of \$735.69, was adopted.

Following singing, "God Be With You" and benediction by Rev. J. W. Jones, adjournment was had to meet with the New Vester Baptist Church, R.F.D. Bailey, N. C., October 17-19, 1948.

REV. J. W. JONES, Moderator.

A. B. JOHNSON, Clerk.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### Finance Committee Summary

Number of churches represented.....	30
Money received from church representation .....	\$510.33
Public offerings and fees .....	165.36

Ministers' and Deacons' Union ..... 60.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MITCHINER,

H. B. THOMAS,

M. W. HEARTLEY.

### Trustee Board

Total income for the year ..... \$360.00

#### Expenditures:

To Taxes .....	\$ 14.40	
To Insurance .....	18.12	
To Painting .....	43.00	
To Cement Blocks .....	21.40	
To Sand and Labor .....	8.00	
To Discount .....	36.00	140.92

To Balance turned into the Treasury ..... \$219.08

Signed

A. F. SANDERS,

W. R. COLLINS,

PERCY NICHOLS,

C. H. SAUNDERS.

### Woman's Missionary Union

There were four meetings held during the associational year, namely: Green Chapel, White Oak Hill, Johnston Piney Grove, and Strickland Grove. Each meeting was well attended and interesting. Money brought forward \$26.00, and given during year \$97.27, total \$123.27. Expended for missions \$77.00 and miscellaneous purposes, \$46.27.

Respectfully

MRS. A. B. DAVIS, President

ADELIA SANDERS, Secretary.

### Ministers' and Deacons' Union

Three sessions of the organization were held during the year. Each was interesting, helpful, and finances encouraging. The sum of \$220.89 was realized. Miscellaneous expenses were \$140.98. We are now turning over to the association \$60.00. The balance in treasury is \$19.91.

Respectfully,

REV. E. D. PRETTY, President,

J. T. HOCUTT, Secretary,

DEACON T. T. ROWLAND, Treasurer.

### Obituary

According to submitted reports the following named brothers and sisters have gone to their glorious reward since our last meeting: First Baptist of Selma, Miss Phyllis Kelly and Messrs. Ernest Johnson and Vander Price; Good Samaritan, Bros. J. B. Farmer, M. Purifoy, Alex Lassiter, and Sisters Emma Bell, Lucy Powell, and L. L. Leach; Mt. Carmel, Sister Penina Jackson; St. Amanda, Brother Rufus Barbour; Spring Hill, Sister Lena Holder and Glenn Lee; First Baptist of Smithfield, Sisters Sarah Williams and Aruth Penny, Bros. Chas. Murphy and Will Lee.

### NECROLOGY

According to submitted reports the following named brothers and sisters have gone to their glorious reward since our last meeting:

#### FIRST BAPTIST, SELMA

Miss Phyllis Kelly, Bros. Ernest Johnson and Vander Price.

#### GOOD SAMARITAN

Sisters Emma Bell and L. L. Leach and Bros. J. B. Farmer, Alex Lassiter and M. Purifoy.

#### MT. CARMEL

Sister Penina Jackson.

#### ST. AMANDA

Brother Rufus Barbour.

#### SPRING HILL

Sisters Lena Holder and Glenn Lee.

#### FIRST BAPTIST, SMITHFIELD

Sisters Sarah Williams and Aruth Penny and Brothers Chas. Murphy and Will Lee.

#### GREEN CHAPEL

Brother Joe Walden.

#### WATTS CHAPEL

Brothers Coy Horton and Vallie Horton.

#### WHITE OAK

Sisters Connie Wiggins, Lucile Sutton, Mamie Dednam, and Lizzie Whiley, and Brother William Ellis.

#### JOHNSTON PINEY GROVE

Brothers D. McLamb, A. Penny, and C. Creach, and Sister Lizzie Wellons.

#### NEW VESTER

Sisters L. Dunstan and Margaret Hinton.

#### FIRST BAPTIST, CLAYTON

Brothers Richard Morgan, L. Blue, Henry Lee, and Henry Finch, and Sister L. Blue.



### Treasurer

Report for year ending October 16, 1947:

#### RECEIPTS

Brought forward .....	\$1,003.14
Reported Finance Committee .....	776.31
From rents .....	219.08
Lee's Cross Road .....	12.00
A. S. Reid, fee .....	.25
Harry Dunstan, fee .....	.25
M. Judkins .....	.50
Semi-annual Session .....	126.70

#### DISBURSEMENTS

To Rev. H. E. Clark, corresponding secretary .....	2.50
To J. W. Mitchiner, historian .....	2.50
To Rev. H. Haskins, sermon .....	5.00
To Sexton .....	3.00
To Sister H. M. Jones, donation .....	7.50
To Sister R. Crockett, donation .....	10.00
To Rev. J. W. Jones, delegate expense .....	10.00
To Baptist Informer, donation .....	10.00
To Sister Roberta Bunn, donation .....	10.00
To Rev. J. W. Powell, delegate expenses .....	10.00
To Sister Kent, donation .....	10.00
To Rev. A. A. Heartley, vice-moderator .....	4.00
To Rev. J. W. Davis, sermon .....	5.00
To Rev. W. H. Mitchiner, treasurer .....	12.00
To A. F. Sanders, expenses of trustees .....	10.00
To Finance Committee, service .....	12.00
To Programs .....	16.00
To Rev. J. W. Jones, moderator .....	20.00
To St. Amanda, donation .....	25.00
To New Hill, donation .....	25.00
To Women's Missionary Union, donation .....	25.00
To Shaw University .....	50.00
To Silver Chapel, building .....	50.00
To Sanders Grove, building .....	50.00
To A. B. Johnson, clerk .....	55.00
To General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina .....	60.00
To Rev. A. G. Coley, sermon .....	5.00

#### SEMI-ANNUAL

To New Bethel, donation .....	2.00
To Rev. Wm. R. Saunders, sermon .....	3.00
To Rev. A. G. Coley, donation .....	3.00
To Rev. J. A. Avery, sermon .....	3.00
To Finance Committee, services .....	4.00
To Rev. R. H. Jones, sermon .....	5.00
To Rev. W. H. Mitchiner, treasurer .....	5.00
To Rev. A. A. Heartley, vice-moderator .....	7.00
To Rev. A. B. Johnson, clerk and programs .....	12.00
To General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina .....	50.00

To Johnston District S. S. Convention Training .....	93.00
To Ministers Institute .....	80.00
To Minutes .....	106.65
To Rev. J. W. Jones, donation, sickness .....	25.00
To Lott Carey Convention, Rev J. W. Jones .....	75.00
To Balance on hand .....	1,116.32

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. MITCHINER, Treasurer.

### Temperance

It is the recommendation of your committee that we abstain from all things that undermine Christian character and reputation.

Your committee,

MRS. L. M. SCARBORO,  
REV. ALEX TERRELL,  
MRS. FLORA McLEAN,  
JOSEPH DEANS,  
JOHN ROINSON,  
JAS. FRIERSON,  
LEON PENNY,  
I. C. LEE.

### Missions

Recommendation is hereby tendered that the pastors and churches plan and carry out special missions, and that mission organizations be effected in our churches.

Respectfully,

REV. J. W. POWELL,  
WILLIS SANDERS,  
MRS. A. B. DAVIS,  
N. H. WATSON,  
E. ONEAL,  
REV. N. L. HORTON,  
MRS. GERTRUDE PERRY,  
MRS. ADELIA SANDERS,  
REV. E. D. PRETTY,  
E. STANCIL.

### Sermons

The following named are designated to preach the sermons at our next annual session: Rev. J. A. Avery, Introductory; Rev. A. G. Coley, Educational; Rev. C. H. Heath, Missionary; Rev. Alex Tefrell, Doctrinal.

Semi-annual session: Rev. S. F. Benjamin, Introductory; Rev. Frank Emery, Rev. Odell Williams, and Rev. Wm. Giles.

Committee,

REV. A. A. HEARTLEY,  
REV. C. H. FRIERSON,  
REV. W. L. DAVIS  
H. J. SANDERS,  
G. W. SANDERS,  
MRS. LILIAN WILDER  
REV. R. PENNY,  
REV. B. F. NEWKIRK,  
G. WILLIAMSON.

### Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That hearty and sincere thanks be accorded the host church and friends for such splendid and satisfactory entertainment provided this session of the association.
2. That gratefulness be acknowledged and given the officers of the association for their faithful and efficient services.
3. That struggling churches be given constructive material help upon merit.
4. That encouragement be given training programs of our Sunday School Convention, B. T. U. Convention and Women's Missionary Union.

Committee,

REV. A. G. COLEY,  
MRS. L. M. HOLT,  
MRS. B. H. CLOSS,  
MRS. NANCY M'CULLERS,  
REV. WILLIS WALL.

### New Bodies

We recommend that the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Rev. N. Mitchell, Raleigh, N. C.; and Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Smithfield, N. C., be admitted into membership of this association.

Respectfully,

REV. S. F. BENJAMIN,  
REV. A. L. BRIDGES,  
REV. W. H. MITCHINER,  
RUFUS McCULLERS,  
REV. R. PENNY.



### Place

It is recommended that our next annual session be held with the New Vester Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Bailey, N. C., Rev. W. H. Mitchiner, Pastor.

Your committee,

REV. C. W. WALL,  
REV. ODELL WILLIAMS,  
MRS. ORIE BOYLON,  
T. T. ROWLAND,  
LUTHER HOLDER,  
MRS. SEMORA DAYE,  
M. N. SHERROD,  
E. L. FRIERSON,  
MRS. PRINCESS STANCIL,  
REV. J. A. AVERY,  
REV. W. G. HALL.

### Moderator's Address

The address of the Moderator is found to be thoughtfully inspiring, and we recommend that it be carried in the minutes. That we donate to Shaw University \$50.00. Further, we recommend that the matter relative to electing officers of the Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention be tabled.

Committee,

REV. W. L. DAVIS,  
REV. C. H. HEATH,  
REV. C. W. WALL.

### Disbursements

We recommend the following expenditures:

To Rev. H. E. Clark, Cor. Sec. ....	\$ 3.00
To Bro. J. W. Mitchiner, Historian .....	3.00
To Four Ministers, \$5.00 each, sermons .....	20.00
To Rev. A. A. Heartley, Vice-moderator .....	4.00
To Mrs. H. M. Jones, donation .....	7.50
To Mrs. R. Crocket, donation .....	10.00
To A. F. Sanders, Trustees Expenses .....	22.50
To Mrs. Lydia Kent, donation .....	10.00
To St. Amanda, building .....	50.00
To New Hill, building .....	25.00
To Baptist Informer, donation .....	10.00
To Finance Committee, service .....	10.00
To Rev. W. H. Mitchiner, Treasurer .....	13.00
To Johnston County Womens Missionary Union .....	25.00
To Rev. J. W. Jones, Moderator .....	25.00
To Programs .....	18.00
To Shaw University, donation .....	100.00

To Mrs. Ada Dean, blind .....	10.00
To Rev. A. B. Johnson, clerk .....	60.00
To Spring Hill, building .....	50.00
To General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina .....	100.00
To Johnston District B. T. U. Convention .....	50.00
To Rev. N. C. Sanders, Sunday sermon .....	10.00

Committee,

REV. C. H. HEATH,  
REV. WM. GILES,  
REV. W. H. MITCHNER,  
REV. A. A. ANDERSON,  
W. J. SANDERS.

### MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

#### We Must Serve God at a Sacrifice

What do we mean when we say we are serving God?

Some people claim that we are serving God when we go to church and pray, sing and shout; but we are only worshipping God. When we serve God we must find our fellowman. This can only be done by sacrifices. One should not serve to be seen of men; if so, verily, verily, I say unto you, you have your reward. We must serve God in our daily living. Let us recall the 20th chapter of Matthew and the 1st verse which reads as follows: "For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyards. The Lord commanded his stewards to secure laborers for his vineyards. Among the laborers secured, the first hired seemed to be unpatriotic. He seemed to have wanted more than the said amount offered by his employer. We, who work in the vineyard for Christ should never grumble or hesitate to work because God is the judge of the earth and he sendeth the rain on the just and the unjust. We should make a sacrifice of our lives to the cause of Christ.

The men who built or organized this Johnston County Association have undergone great sacrifices. They walked many miles and burnt midnight oil to pave the way for our betterment. But that is not enough. There is still a large space for improvement. For example, the educational department of our association; If the pastors would make sacrifices and attend the Baptist conventions it would give us a broader vision. Even the laymen of our churches would grow into great bodies. We as pastors, could put over a better program for missions and education.

I was elected as a delegate by this body to represent you in the Lott Cary missionary convention and I have a new outlook on foreign missionary work. It was interesting to see young men and women rising up in that great body saying as Isaiah said, "Here am I send me." They have prepared themselves to go and teach men about Christ. I think that is a great sacrifice for the Lord.

I do think we as an association should see to it that we do our part in financing education and foreign missions. The Lord has blessed us in such a way that we are able to bank money. We only

give a small portion for education and missions. We should rise up and give more.

We are now in the 57th year of this association. Many have had dark days, others have crossed the river of death. I think we should look back and thank the Lord for bringing us this far in finance and in spirit. In so doing, I would like to make the following recommendations:

1. That we double the amount paid to Shaw University and the state missions this year.
2. That we will give an extra donation each year to General Baptist Headquarters Building Fund.
3. That we buy Sunday School literature and other supplies from the Baptist Supply Store of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

### Historian's Report

Brother Moderator, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I shall endeavor to turn the page of history in review as made by the Johnston Baptist Association for the past ten years.

The Johnston Baptist Association was organized in 1885 at Springfield Baptist Church, Auburn, Wake County, N. C., by a small group of our pioneers in Kingdom Building, who have long since passed into the great beyond.

Father E. B. Blake, Wm. A. Sanders, H. D. Sanders, H. M. Jonens, H. R. Snow, Dallas Myatt, Wm. Ellerbee, A. W. Pegues, W. A. Jones, Allen Wall, Sisters Rebecca Sanders, Roberta Bunn, and Dinah Wall and others were among its charter members.

The moderatorship has passed as follows: Dr. A. W. Pegues, Revs. Wm. Ellerbee, W. A. Jones, J. A. Melton, and our present beloved J. W. Jones.

Our Association has had many trying struggles in passing through the many changing conditions, but at all times has successfully stayed above the average.

Quite a number of Christian leaders have been trained by the influence of our Association and its auxiliaries.

In 1905 our Association started a drive for Religious Education, purchasing the Associational school property and conducting a school for a number of years.

In recent years the property has been sold and tenant homes built which bring in a regular financial income, which is donated to Shaw University and other religious training courses.

In 1935 a Semi-Annual was organized which has been quite a success.

In 1939 the Association first served the Lord's Supper in its Annual Session at Galilee Baptist Church.

Beginning with 1930 our Association has convened at the following places:

1930—Green Hill

1931—Clayton First Baptist

1932—Fayetteville Street

1933—Selma First Baptist

1934—Benson

#### *Annual*

#### *Semi-Annual*

1935—Good Samaritan \_\_\_\_\_ Strickland Grove

1936—Lees Cross Road \_\_\_\_\_ Selma First Baptist



1937—Wilson Mills First Baptist .....	Galilee
1938—White Oak .....	Smithfield First Baptist
1939—Galilee .....	Oaky Grove
1940—Watts Chapel .....	Green Hill
1941—Strickland Grove .....	Oaky Grove
1942—Spring Hill .....	Selma First Baptist
1943—New Bethel .....	Green Hill
1944—Piney Grove .....	Galilee
1945—Smithfield First Baptist .....	Stricklands Grove
1946—Sanders Grove .....	Clayton First Baptist

Over a period of sixteen years according to records 2,726 souls have been converted and we have paid into our treasury \$5,744.56.

We now have 30 churches in our Association with a membership of approximately 4,000 members.

Today finds us with the Saint Amanda Baptist Church enjoying a fine spirit of hospitality and fellowship.

Your servant,

JOHN W. MITCHINER, *Historian.*

October, 1947.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF B. T. U.

### FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 6 - 8, 1947

Smithfield, N. C.

#### COLLECTIONS

Brought forward from Semi-Annual in Selma, N. C. ....	\$ 57.21
Public offerings .....	23.27
B. T. U. representation fees .....	34.00
Missionaries .....	25.60
Total .....	\$140.08

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Minutes—Rev. A. B. Johnson .....	\$ 13.00
Rev. A. G. Coley—Services .....	10.00
Rev. J. W. Powell—Sermon .....	5.00
Rev. J. T. Hocutt—Sermon .....	5.00
First Baptist Church, Smithfield, N. C.—Donation .....	5.00
Programs .....	3.33
Finance Committee—Service .....	2.00
Officers and Executive Board—Service .....	18.71
Representation at State Convention .....	10.00
Secretary's Book .....	1.29
Total .....	\$ 73.33
Balance .....	\$ 66.75

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF B. T. U. FOR SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION

Held  
November 14 - 16, 1947  
Clayton, N. C.

## COLLECTIONS

Brought forward .....	\$ 66.75
Missionary .....	6.00
Johnston Baptist Association .....	50.00
Public Offerings .....	19.90
From Training Unions:	
Fayetteville Street Baptist, Raleigh, N. C. ....	4.00
First Baptist, Selma, N. C. ....	2.00
Silver Chapel, Middlesex, N. C. ....	2.00
Lee's Cross Road, Clayton, N. C. ....	1.50
White Oak Hill, Middlesex, N. C. ....	2.00
First Baptist, Smithfield, N. C. ....	2.00
Wilson's Mills .....	2.00
New Vesta, Sims, N. C. ....	2.00
First Baptist, Clayton, N. C. ....	1.75
Spring Hill, Middlesex, N. C. ....	2.50
New Bethel, Clayton, N. C. ....	1.00
Oakey Grove, Smithfield, N. C. ....	2.00
Piney Grove, Clayton, N. C. ....	1.50
Total .....	\$168.90

## DISBURSEMENTS

Rev. A. G. Coley, services, stationery, and book .....	\$ 18.84
Mrs. V. D. Edwards, services and Baptist headquarters .....	20.00
First Baptist Church, Clayton, N. C.—Donation .....	5.00
Rev. Willis Wall, sermon and teaching .....	8.00
Miss Dannie M. Freeman, for services .....	3.00
Mrs. Nora McNeill, for services .....	3.00
To Missionary .....	2.40
Total .....	\$ 60.24
Balance .....	\$108.66

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**Fifty-Eighth Annual Session**  
of the  
**JOHNSTON DISTRICT BAPTIST**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION**

Held With  
**The First Baptist Sunday School**  
Smithfield, N. C.

**June 6-8, 1947**

And the  
**Twenty-Seventh Semi-Annual Session**  
And  
**Leadership Training School**

Held With  
**The First Baptist Sunday School**  
Clayton, N. C.

**November 14-16, 1947**

The Next Annual Session Will Convene With Galilee  
Sunday School, Smithfield, N. C., Rt. No. 1

**June 25-27, 1948**



## OFFICERS

President—W. R. Collins, 135 S. Fifth St., Smithfield, N. C.  
Vice-President—J. A. Holden, Jr., Clayton, N. C.  
Recording Secretary—John W. Mitchener, Rt. 1, Box 120, Smithfield, N. C.  
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Lottie M. Holt, Wilson's Mills, N. C.  
Auditor—Quinton Wall, Jr., Market St., Smithfield, N. C.  
Musical Director—Rev. W. H. Pair, Clayton, N. C.  
Treasurer—W. J. Sanders, Rt. 1, Smithfield, N. C.  
District Attendance Supervisor—Mrs. L. M. Sanders, P. O. Box 294, Smithfield, N. C.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mr. J. A. Byrd, Rev. A. G. Coley, Mrs. Nora McNeil, Mrs. Lillie M. Scarboro, Mr. M. W. Heartley, Jr., Mr. Marion Goodson, Rev. N. C. Sanders.

## MISSIONARIES

F. V. Sanders, Galilee District; James Conyers, Clayton District; Mrs. Nora McNeil, Smithfield District; Mrs. Marie Everett, Selma District; Mrs. Louise H. Cheatham, Raleigh District; Rev. Frank Emery, Piney Grove District; L. B. Watson, Lees Cross Road District; Mrs. Lillie M. Scarboro, Spring Hill District.

## CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This convention shall be known as the Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Article 2. Its object shall be to awaken and establish a greater interest in Sunday School work, to better unite its forces, that religious principles may be incorporated in development and bettering of the people, to help aid home and foreign missions, and give such aid to other religious, charitable, and benevolent institutions as the convention or Executive Board may deem just and proper.

That the President of the convention serve as general missionary to encourage the Sunday School workers and infuse life of the convention.

Article 3. This convention shall have jurisdiction over all the Missionary Baptist Sunday Schools composing its membership, and organize and regulate the means for the support of the Convention.

Article 4. The members of the Convention shall be composed of its ministers, officers, and delegates, who, when assembled shall be known as Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Article 5. The officers of the Convention shall be president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, musical director, auditor, eight missionaries, and executive board of seven, who shall be elected annually on the second of its regular sessions; term of officers to commence at the close of the season.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the president at all meetings, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, decide points of order; and in case of a tie, give casting vote. In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall preside.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to record the proceedings of each meeting of the Convention, superintend the printing of the minutes and see that they are properly distributed among the Sunday Schools.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to correspond with the school of this Convention and others, and write orders upon the treasurer for disbursement.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all finances during the interim of its annual or semi-annual session; also to pay out none except by order signed by the corresponding secretary and president.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the auditor to audit the accounts of the treasurer annually and report to the Convention.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the musical director to encourage and promote the best music throughout the jurisdiction of the convention and to correct the music at the session of the conventions.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the missionary to visit each Sunday School within the year, and infuse new inspiration and new life into the school, to confer with the superintendent and teachers on the best plan and methods of conducting Sunday School work to organize new Sunday Schools wherever practicable and beneficial, and to assist in the purchase of Bible lessons and such literature as will tend to help the schools and the student to acquire a greater and more useful knowledge of the Bible.

Article 13. It shall be the duties of the executive board to have control and supervision of the affairs of the Convention during the interim of its annual and semi-annual sessions to make such appropriations for conducting the business of the Convention.

Article 14. The basis of representation shall be ten cents per capita and one dollar auxiliary, to be sent by representative.

Article 15. Any Sunday School wishing to become a member of the organization may do so by presenting in writing, at any annual meeting, in petition and complying with requirements of article fourteen.

Article 16. The Convention may invite visiting brethren to seats, carry out effectively the purpose outlined in article two and eleven in the assembly and extend to them all the privileges and rights of the Convention, save voting.

Article 17. The annual session of the Convention shall meet Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July and the semi-annual session during the week before the third Sunday in November as may be agreed upon each year.

Article 18. A person or persons who are in good standing in their Sunday schools may become annual members of this Convention by payment of fifty cents.

Article 19. Those who assist in the organization of this convention are life members, and other persons wishing to be life members may become such upon payment of one dollar at an annual session of this convention.

Article 20. The Convention shall retain a membership in the State Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention and be represented annually in this Convention of Sunday School Workers.

Article 21. The president, secretary, and treasurer shall be ex officio members of the executive board.

Article 22. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the present members at any annual meeting.

## DELEGATES—ANNUAL

- Lees Cross Road—Rev. H. D. Closs, L. B. Watson, Miss Dorothy Watson.
- New Bethel—Rev. A. A. Heartley, Miss Rochell Mitchell.
- Galilee—W. J. Sanders, John W. Mitchener, F. V. Sanders, H. H. Williams, Rev. N. C. Sanders, Miss Rosa Mae Archibald, Miss Willena A. Mitchener, Wilbert J. Smith.
- Clayton—Ernest Lambert, Miss Lois Tomlinson, Miss Sopherine Watson, James Conyer.
- Smithfield—Mrs. L. M. Sanders, Quinton Wall, Preston H. Grant-ham, Charles Willie, Mrs. Louise Wyche.
- Good Samaritan—Rev. R. Penny, Miss Gladys M. Sanders, Miss Elizabeth Tomlinson.
- Oaky Grove—Miss Mazie A. Bell, Miss Ella Mae Eason, Miss Ruby-stein Judkins.
- Green Chapel—Miss Irene Chapel, Miss Rosaline Williams.
- Henderson Chapel—Miss Alberta Lee, Miss Mary Lois Richardson.
- Johnston Piney Grove—Miss Evia F. Emery, Frank Emery, Miss Madeline Hunter, Miss Bernice Emery.
- Fayetteville Street—Misses Annie Ruth Stanback, Vertie Jean Poole, Ernestine Stanback, Mildred McNeil, Mary Elizabeth Jenkins, Elsie Katie Saunders, Mary Elizabeth Thomas, Mae Ollie Smith, Louise James, Bernice Alston, Erma Horton, Robertine Elouise Smith, Beulah Saunders, Mrs. Lucinda Moye, J. A. Byrd, Mrs. Louise H. Cheatham.
- White Oak—Rev. J. T. Hocutt, Miss Mercedes Barnes, Rev. H. Haskins, Miss Vivian Barnes.
- Selma—Mrs. Laney Coley, Rev. A. B. Johnson, Miss Vera Warwick, Miss Ruth Benjamin, Miss R. L. Saunders, Miss Claudia Thomp-son, Miss Marie Campbell, Miss Dannie Mae Freeman, Miss Anthony B. Kelly, Miss Barbara S. Kelly.
- New Bethel—Herman Mitchell, James E. Mitchell.
- Wilsons Mill—Mrs. Lottie M. Holt, Miss Fannie E. Graye, Joseph Wilder, Miss Della M. Smith, N. A. Bush.
- Green Hill—Rev. H. Penny, Miss Margaret Sanders.
- New Vester—Miss Mae Esther Deans, Miss Marion Mitchell, Miss Lucy Boykins, Miss Ruth Harris.
- Spring Hill—Rev. N. C. Sanders, Kenneth Holder, Mrs. Lillie M. Scarboro, Miss Grace Neal.
- Watts Chapel—Miss Bettie Elizabeth McNeil, Miss Mary N. Jones.
- Excelsior—Miss Katie M. Dodd, Rev. W. L. Davis, Mrs. Mamie McKay.
- Union Baptist—Miss Bernice Whitaker, Miss Ophelia House.

## VISITORS

- Mr. Clifton L. Mitchener, Rt. 1, Box 120, Smithfield, N. C.
- Mrs. Christine J. Watson, Rt. 2, Box 99, Clayton, N. C.
- Mr. Wilbert W. Mitchener, Rt. 1, Box 120, Smithfield, N. C.
- Mrs. Elsie M. Watson, Rt. 2, Box 99, Clayton, N. C.
- Mr. N. M. Lewis, 455 Cole St., Greensboro, N. C.
- Rev. H. E. Clark, Wilsons Mill, N. C.
- Mrs. Martha Ruffin, Wilson Hill, N. C.
- Mrs. G. D. Lewis, 455 Cole St., Greensboro, N. C.



Rev. Willis S. Wall, Rt. 2, Box 120, Clayton, N. C.  
 Mrs. Hattie Leach, 502 Sumner St., Selma, N. C.  
 Miss Minnie Allen, Smithfield, N. C.  
 Miss Lena Mae Sanders, Smithfield, N. C.  
 Rev. W. H. Pair, Clayton, N. C.  
 Mr. Robert Emery, Rt. 1, Clayton, N. C.  
 Rev. E. D. Pretty, 1115 Blount St., Raleigh, N. C.  
 Mrs. Emma Vinson, Wilsons Mill, N. C.  
 Miss Essie M. Wilder, Box 103, Wilsons Mill, N. C.  
 Mrs. Mabel V. Smith, Wilson Mills, N. C.  
 Mrs. Helen Rowe Holt, Box 364, Four Oaks, N. C.  
 Mr. Major Wilder, Wilson, N. C.  
 Mr. C. G. Gardner, Rt. 1, Box 46, Clayton, N. C.  
 Rev. A. A. Anderson, P. O. Box 1281, Raleigh, N. C.  
 Rev. Frank Emery, Rt. 1, Box 38, Clayton, N. C.  
 Rev. C. H. Smith, Rt. 2, Smithfield, N. C.  
 Miss Christine Penny, Rt. 2, Smithfield, N. C.  
 Rev. H. H. Sanders, Wake Forest, N. C.  
 Rev. N. L. Horton, Clayton, N. C.  
 Mr. David E. Woodard, 412 E. Caswell St., Smithfield, N. C.  
 Miss Louise Penny, Smithfield, N. C.  
 Rev. A. G. Coley, 111 E. Railroad St., Selma, N. C.  
 Rev. Walter Gales, Smithfield, N. C.  
 Rev. Samuel Spencer, Tarboro St., Raleigh, N. C.  
 Mrs. Minnie Williamson, Rt. 2, Box 128, Clayton, N. C.  
 Mrs. Maggie Gardner, Rt. 1, Box 46, Clayton, N. C.  
 Mrs. Mary L. Williamson, Clayton, N. C.  
 Mrs. Malinda Campbell, Clayton, N. C.  
 Mrs. Emma Gales, Rt. 1, Box 404, Smithfield, N. C.

### DELEGATES — SEMI-ANNUAL

Galilee—Miss Clara E. Williams, Clifton L. Mitchener, Raymond H. Mitchener, Fletcher Sanders, Jr., Mrs. Mayo Mitchener, Wilbert W. Mitchener, Mrs. Tena Solomon, F. V. Sanders, Elias Sanders, Elbert Williams, M. L. Sanders, Miss Willena A. Mitchener.  
 Johnston Piney Grove—Rev. C. W. Wall.  
 Green Chapel—Rosaline Williams.  
 Fayetteville Street—Misses Mary Lois Ashe, Mary Elizabeth Jenkins, Mary Elizabeth Thomas, Juanita Haywood, Mrs. Louise H. Cheatham.  
 Silver Chapel—Miss Iva Lee Kenan, Miss Eula Mae Holder, Miss Maezell Holder, Rev. R. H. Jones.  
 Spring Hill—Miss Ola Mae Smith, Kenneth Holder, Miss Juanita Holder, Arthur Smith, Miss Sophie Neal, Rev. N. C. Sanders.  
 New Vester—Miss Lucy Boykins.  
 Oak Grove—Miss Mazie Ann Belle, Miss Hazel Lockhart.  
 Wilsons Mill—Miss Della Mae Smith.  
 New Bethel—James Mitchell, Miss Rochell Mitchell, Miss Mable P. Mitchell.  
 Strickland Grove—Miss Lois McSwain, Miss Frances Arrington.  
 Lees Cross Road—Miss Ruby Fowler, Mrs. Elsie W. Cofield.  
 Clayton—Misses Sopherine Watson, Maxine Sanders, Grover Sanders, Harvey D. Heartley, Rev. N. L. Sanders, Rev. N. C. Sanders, M. D. Goodson, Raystine Rand.

Smithfield—Charles Willie, Preston H. Grantham, Kermit Nixon, John Watkins, Joseph Nixon, Miss Eddie Faye Raiford, Miss Pauline Walker.

White Oak Hill—Rev. J. T. Hocutt, Walter D. Barnes, Misses Doretha Debnam, Ida Mea Hocutt, Laura R. Adams, La Rue Richardson.

### VISITORS

Rev. J. M. Hargrove, Clayton, N. C.

Miss Hazelline Henry, 121 Front St., Clayton, N. C.

## PROCEEDINGS

Smithfield, N. C., June 7. 1947.

Today finds Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention assembling in a Jubilee Program celebrating fifty-eight years of progress. The First Baptist Sunday School of Smithfield is our host.

The devotions were conducted by the First Baptist Sunday School of Selma and Pastor Rev. A. B. Johnson.

Opening hymn No. 54, "Count On Me."

Scripture lesson by Miss Claudia Thompson, Ps. 119:1-20. Invocation by Rev. Johnson. Second hymn No. 27, "This is My Story."

Very appropriate remarks by Miss Ruby Sanders. Singing No. 10, "My Hope is Built."

Preliminary remarks by President W. R. Collins.

Roll call of Schools and responses as follows:

Watts Chapel—Miss Mary Jones: We are remodeling our building and cooperating nicely. We have 89 students and 7 teachers.

Galilee—Miss Willena A. Mitchener: We have an evergreen school, progressing nicely.

Excelsior—Mr. Simon Smith: Doing well.

First Baptist, Wilsons Mill—Miss Fannie Graye: We are doing fine work and ask your prayers.

Johnston Piney Grove—Rev. C. W. Wall: We are doing first class work, with 6 classes and 6 teachers.

Selma, First Baptist—Miss Vera Warwick: We are progressing just fine.

Spring Hill—Miss Grace Smith: We are on the progressive list and cooperate and carry out our recreations with our regular class work.

Good Samaritan—Miss Elizabeth Tomlinson: We are still growing.

New Bethel—Miss Rochell Mitchell: We are doing well and ask your prayers to help us grow stronger.

Lees Cross Road—Miss Dorothy Watson: We have an increased enrollment and are making progress.

Green Chapel—Miss Rosaline Williams: We have a progressive membership, and doing fine.

First Baptist, Clayton—Miss Lois Tomlinson: We are doing fine and ask your prayers.

White Oak Hill—Miss Vivian Barnes: We have taken a religious census and have improved this year; our enrollment is 125, with four regular teachers and four assistants.

Oaky Grove—Miss Mazie A. Bell: We ask your prayers that we may get a superintendent and increase our membership.

Fayetteville Street—Miss Mary E. Thomas: We have an enrollment of 418 students in five departments and 50 teachers; we are doing constructive work.

Sanders Grove—Mr. F. V. Sanders: Not doing so well; hold Sunday School once or twice a month.

First Baptist, Smithfield—Mrs. Nora McNeil: We are getting along just fine. Our leading classes are the primaries and beginners.

Green Hill—Mr. F. V. Sanders: Doing fine, in a spirit of love and union.

Enrollment. Singing, "For You I am Praying."

Then Vice President J. A. Byrd presented President W. R. Collins for his annual message.

President Collins used for a subject "Delinquency," discussing in detail, with great power and authority, the following points:

1. Insufficient financial means to take care of children.
2. Lack of parental care.
3. The child assumes responsibility too soon.
4. Effect of poorly produced pictures.
5. Parents' indifference to ways of religion.
6. Ignorance has driven boys and girls out into the street.
7. Parent planning for youth recreation.
8. The lack of real comradeship between father and son and mother and daughter.

Singing: "How Sweet It is to Love Him."

Report from the State Sunday School Convention which convened in Greenville, N. C., August 1946, by Miss Elsie Mae Watson, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Next missionary reports from the following missionaries showing our conventional field to be in fine condition and doing a very constructive work and having a fine cooperative spirit.

Mr. James Conyers—Clayton District .....	\$52.73
Mr. F. V. Sanders—Galilee District .....	19.01
Mrs. Lillie M. Scarboro—Spring Hill District .....	54.00
Mr. L. B. Watson—Lees Cross Road District .....	23.00
Mrs. Nora McNeil—Smithfield District .....	5.00
Rev. C. W. Wall—Piney Grove District .....	10.00

Next Mr. W. J. Sanders, Treasurer, made his annual report showing a cash balance of \$367.65.

The offering amounting to \$7.50 was taken by Deacon H. H. Williams and Rev. H. H. Sanders.

Benediction by Rev. C. W. Wall.

### Saturday Afternoon

At 2:30 p.m. the Convention reassembled. Devotional was conducted by Rev. C. W. Wall. Singing, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms."

The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. Wall. Matt. 2:1-11. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. H. Sanders.

Singing, No. 56, "Take the Name of Jesus With You."

Next a panel discussion, directed by Rev. A. A. Heartley. Subject, "The Sunday School's Role in Combating Delinquency."

Participating members Prof. M. L. Wilson, Misses Christine Watson, Geneva Gardner, Vivian Barnes.

Mr. Wilson said the church and Sunday school have a great problem in combating delinquency; that Christ brought selections and essential help to all our problems, so we should take Christ with us.

Miss Watson, defines delinquency and says organization is of great value in actions against delinquency. The Sunday School must go



out of its way to touch the sore spot. The Sunday School must accept the challenge; see the needs and go out to combat them. The Sunday School must praise simple good deeds done by delinquents.

Miss Gardner.—Idle persons are susceptible to evil influences; therefore we should appoint ourselves to visit those persons regularly to invite them and constrain them to nobler things.

Starting with the cradle roll the Sunday School teacher must be wrapped up in Christ.

Miss Barnes.—It takes cooperation to combat delinquency. Special programs, picnics, etc., are winning factors. We must make our lives shine so bright it reflects light on others and draws them in.

Others making contributions from the floor were Rev. H. H. Sanders, Mr. J. A. Byrd, Miss Elsie Mae Watson, Mr. David Woodard and Rev. S. Spenser.

Singing, "Glory to His Name."

Benediction by Rev. A. A. Anderson.

### Saturday Evening

Reassembling at 7:00 p.m. We enjoyed a rare treat in the Annual Young People's Program, directed by Mrs. Louise H. Cheatham, Misses Geneva Gardner and Elsie Mae Watson.

Then President Collins presented Rev. E. C. Brooks, pastor of the host church for the address of the evening.

Reverend Brooks used for a subject: "The Place of the Sunday School in the Church and Community."

Reverend Brooks very ably pointed out the many useful assets of the Sunday School and the Church's great obligation to the same to uplift our children and bring them to Christ.

### Sunday Morning

Smithfield, N. C., June 8, 1947.

The Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention convened in a conventional Sunday School with the First Baptist Sunday School of Smithfield.

Mr. J. A. Holder, Jr., presiding.

Opening song, "In the Garden." Reading, A Call to Worship, alternately. Singing, "Calling Today."

Devotional reading. Singing, "If Jesus Goes With You."

The lesson introduction was read by Mr. David E. Woodard.

The lesson for today was read by Rev. A. G. Coley, alternately with the school.

Subject: "Religious Reforms in Judah." Young peoples' adult topic: "Making Reforms Succeed."

General lesson text, II Kings 22:1--23:1-30. Print II Kings 22:10, 11; 23:1-5, 21.

Memory selection: "Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law." Ps. 119:34.

Time—About B. C. 639, 609, 608.

Place—Jerusalem.

Class period. Singing, "Precious Name."

### Class Reports

Miss Fannie Graye	\$ 3.50
Mr. J. L. Wall	4.55
Miss Willena A. Mitchener	2.10
Mrs. Bertha Rowe	1.60
Miss Minnie M. Allen	1.02
Miss Grace Neal	2.75
Miss Isabel Baulin	1.10
Mrs. Lucinda Moye	3.00
Miss Mazie Bell	1.02
Mr. Herman Mitchell	2.65
Miss Bettie E. McNeil	1.00
Miss Rosaline Williams	1.00
Miss Mary Richardson	1.00
Miss Madeline Hunter	1.00
Miss Margaret Sanders	1.00
Miss Dorothy Watson	1.25
Miss Vivian Barnes	1.80
Miss Lois Tomlinson	2.56
Miss Lois McSwain	1.00
Miss Lillie Morgan	.63
Mrs. Lillie M. Scarboro	1.15
Mr. E. Lambert	1.60
Miss Mildred Sanders	1.00
Mr. David E. Woodard	3.30
Miss Geneva Gardner	1.37
Miss Bernice Whitakers	1.00
Mrs. Nora McNeil	1.60

Total \$46.55

Banner Class—Mr. J. L. Wall, \$4.55. Second—Miss Fannie Graye, \$3.50. Third—Dr. David E. Woodard, \$3.30.

Very able lesson review by Rev. W. R. Sanders.

Benediction by Rev. E. C. Brooks.

### Church Service

Singing: "Holy! Holy! Holy!" Invocation by Rev. A. A. Heartley. Chant: "Glory Be to Thee Father." Singing: "Come Unto Me."

Scripture lesson, Matt. 19:1-11, by Rev. C. W. Wall. Prayer by Reverend Wall.

Singing, No. 3: "I Love Thy Church."

Mission offering. Prayer by Deacon John Allen.

Singing: "Bread of Heaven."

Then President Collins presented Rev. A. A. Heartley to preach the Annual Sermon. Reverend Heartley used for a subject: "The Cross of Christ." Text Gal. 6:14.

With authority and spiritual power Reverend Heartley discussed the following points: 1. Christ's approach to the cross and crucifixion. 2. The resurrection of Christ and its effect. 3. We must go to the cross. 4. Christ's second coming.

Singing: "At the Cross." Prayer by Rev. H. H. Sanders. Singing: "I Feel the Spirit."

The offering was taken by Deacons E. D. Rodgers and H. C.

Hodges. Amount \$15.75.

By motion President Collins and Miss Gabella Barnes were elected delegates to the State Sunday School Convention.

By motion twenty-five dollars was appropriated to take care of the expense of Executive Board and Superintendents Meetings.

Report of Finance Committee, showing a total collection of \$440.30.

Thus the Fifty-Eighth Convention passed into history.

Benediction by Rev. A. A. Heartley.

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## SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

Clayton, N. C., Nov. 14, 1947.

The Twenty-Seventh Semi-Annual and Leadership Training Session of the Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention assembled with the First Baptist Sunday School of Clayton.

Rev. A. G. Coley presiding. The devotional was in charge of Clayton Sunday School and B. T. U.

Opening hymn: "There is a Fountain." Reading the scripture lesson, 5th chapter of Romans.

Prayer by Rev. W. S. Wall.

Second Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Preliminaries by President A. G. Coley and W. R. Collins. Class assignments, etc. Classes adjourned for lunch at 1:00 P.M.

## Friday Afternoon

At 2:00 P.M. the Convention reconvenes. President W. R. Collins, presiding.

Devotions by Revs. J. L. Hocutt and C. W. Wall.

Opening hymn: "Try Me One More Time."

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:1-12, by Reverend Hocutt.

Prayer by Rev. A. G. Coley.

Second Hymn: "In the Garden."

Then class work was resumed.

## Friday Evening

At 7:30 the Convention reassembles. Pres. A. G. Coley, presiding.

The devotional was conducted by Johnston Piney Grove Sunday School and B. T. U.

Next came the welcomes on behalf of the Sunday School, B. T. U., and Church.

The host pastor, Rev. N. C. Sanders and his co-workers, extended to us a most hardy welcome that made us feel absolutely at home.

A very timely response was given by Miss Alma Lee Hocutt.

Then President Coley presented Rev. W. G. Hall to preach the Introductory.

Reverend Hall was at his best and delivered a great sermon full of the fire and power of the Holy Ghost.

Singing: "I Am Bound for the Promised Land." Offering and adjournment. Benediction by Reverend Hall.



### Saturday Morning

November 15, 1947, at 10:00 the Convention reassembled.

Devotional was in charge of Deacon F. V. Sanders and Rev. W. S. Wall. Opening song: "This is My Story."

Scripture lesson by Reverend Wall, Ps. 28.

Prayer was offered by Deacon Sanders. Singing: "Savior More Than Life to Me."

Dismissal to classes.

Adjourned for lunch at 1:00 P.M.

### Saturday Afternoon

The Convention reassembled at 2:00 P.M. The devotions was in charge of Good Samaritan Sunday School and B. T. U.

Afterward class work was resumed.

Adjournment at 4:25 P.M.

### Saturday Evening

At 7:00 P.M. the Convention convened in the evening session, the devotions being in charge of Mesdames Annette B. Davis and Lucinda Moye. Opening song: "Glory to His Name."

Scripture Lesson by Mrs. Moye, I Cor. 2:1-12.

Prayer by Mrs. Davis. Singing: "I Love to Tell the Story."

Then President Collins presented Mrs. Elsie Mae Cofield, who in turn presented Rev. John Jackson of Shaw University for the address of the evening.

Reverend Jackson used for a subject: "The Sunday School and Christian Education."

Reverend Jackson very ably made the following points: 1. People of Catholic churches have no responsibility. 2. Baptist churches have responsibility and must accept them and educate. 3. We believe Christianity is the religion of enlightened men of intelligence.

Prayer by Reverend Jackson. Singing: "Lord Lift Me Up."

Offering \$4.19.

Benediction by Reverend Jackson.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Clayton, N. C., Nov. 16, 1947.

The Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention convened in its Twenty-seventh Semi-Annual Conventional Sunday School.

Mr. E. C. Coley presiding, assisted by Vice President J. A. Holden, Jr. Opening song: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Reading, "A Call to Worship."

Singing: "He Leadeth Me." Prayer was offered by Rev. W. S. Wall. Reading the devotional. Reading alternately.

Singing: "Holy! Holy! Holy!" Prayer in unison. Singing: "Just as I am." Reading of the lesson introduction by Mr. J. A. Holder, Jr.

Mrs. Elsie Mae Cofield read the lesson alternately with the school. Subject: "Building Christian Character." Young peoples adult topic: "Building Christian Character."

General lesson text, II Peter; Jude. Print, II Peter 1:5-11; Jude 17-21, 24, 25. Memory selection: "As ye have, therefore received,

Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him; rooted and built up in him." Col. 2:6, 7.

Time—About A.D. 67 or A.D. 175.

Place—Uncertain, perhaps from Rome.

Class period (20 minutes). Singing: "Blest Be the Tie."

### CLASS REPORTS

Fayetteville Street—Mrs. Louise Cheatham .....	\$ 5.00
Oaky Grove—Miss Hazel Lockhart .....	2.31
F. B. Selma—Miss Dannie M. Freeman .....	3.80
Green Chapel—Miss Louise Penny .....	1.50
F. B. Wilsons Mill—Miss Fannie Graye .....	2.05
Johnston Piney Grove—Miss Bernice Emery .....	1.60
F. B. Clayton—Sopherine Watson .....	3.05
New Bethel—Miss Rochell Mitchell .....	1.15
Galilee—Deacon W. J. Sanders .....	2.60
Spring Hill—Miss Sophie Neal .....	4.10
Good Samaritan—Miss Elizabeth Tomlinson .....	.95
F. B. Smithfield—Mr. James Willie .....	4.05
Lees Cross Road—Miss Rubie Fowler .....	1.00
Total .....	<u>\$33.16</u>

Banner Class—Fayetteville Street, Mrs. Louise H. Cheatham, \$5.00.

Second—Spring Hill: Miss Sophie Neal, \$4.10.

Third—Smithfield: Mr. James Willie, \$4.05.

A very interesting lesson review by Rev. H. E. Clark.

Benediction by Rev. N. C. Sanders.

### CHURCH SERVICE

Prelude—Fairest Lord Jesus.

Chant—Praise God.

Invocation by Rev. N. C. Sanders.

Chant—Hear Our Prayer.

Singing—"Holy! Holy! Holy!"

Scripture Lesson by Rev. H. E. Clark, 1st Ps.

Prayer by Rev. C. W. Wall.

Singing—"He Leadeth Me."

Mission Offering; prayer by Rev. C. H. Frierson.

Singing—"I Heard the Voice Say."

Then President Collins presented Rev. A. A. Heartley to preach the Semi-Annual Sermon.

Reverend Heartley used for a subject: "Visible Essential Need of a Christian." Text, Gen. 1:8.

Reverend Heartley very pleasingly discussed these points: 1. Invisible power. 2. Visible power. 3. Natural light. 4. Natural power. 5. Jesus the light of the world.

Singing: "Where Could I Go." The offering was taken by Rev. C. W. Wall and Deacon N. A. Bush.

By motion the president was empowered to appoint a Testing Committee. The members of the committee are: J. A. Lacewell, E. C. Coley, John W. Mitchener, M. W. Heartley, Jr., J. A. Holder, Jr., Mesdames Helen Holt, Louise H. Cheatham, Nora McNeil, and Elsie M. Cofield.

Report of Finance Committee showing the total collection to be one hundred fifty-three and 25/100 dollars.

Benediction by Rev. A. A. Anderson. Adjourned to meet at Galilee next June.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS — (All Adopted)

### State and Condition of Country

American statesmanship has always been interested in the abolishing of war and a universal peace. The domestic scene is characterized by economic disorders, shortages prevail in all areas of human wants. In spite of the presence of many abnormal domestic conditions, the nation has not turned away from fundamental and underlying principles. The freedom of speech, the freedom of press, and the freedom to worship God according to ones conscience are as strong and abiding as at any time in our history.

Respectfully,

REV. W. S. WALL,  
MISS SOPHERINE WATSON,  
MISS GRACE NEAL,  
MISS DELLA M. SMITH,  
Committee.

### Place

We, your Committee on Place, recommend that our next Semi-annual Convention be held with the First Baptist Church of Clayton and the Annual Session be held with Galilee.

Respectfully,

MRS. LUCINDA MOYE,  
MISS ELSIE SANDERS  
MISS ERNESTINE STANBACK,  
MISS VERA WARWICK,  
MR. PRESTON GRANTHAM,  
MRS. MAMIE McCOY,  
MISS MILDRED McNEIL,  
MISS CLAUDIA THOMPSON,  
MISS MARY E. RICHARDSON,  
Committee.

### Recreations

We your Committee on Recreation wish to make the following report:

- 1st. We recommend that each school run a picnic annually.
- 2nd. That the teachers of each department should be organized into a recreational club.



3rd. A room should be set aside for recreation in each church.

Respectfully,

MRS. LOUISE H. CHEATHAM,  
MISS BETTY McNEIL,  
MR. MARION MITCHELL,  
MISS LUCY BOYKIN,  
MISS RUTH HARRIS,  
MISS MAE EASTER DEAN,  
MISS DOROTHY WATSON,  
MISS MAE ALICE SMITH,

Committee.

### Education

We, your Committee on Education wish to make the following submission:

1. That we encourage each church to have Sunday School each Sunday.
2. That each church sponsor Bible School teaching at least once a year.
3. That we encourage our people to pursue higher education to function properly in every aspect and walk of life.

Respectfully yours,

MISS RUBIE SANDERS,  
MISS ROBERTINE SMITH,  
MISS BEULAH SANDERS,  
MISS ELLA MAE EASON,  
MISS ROCHELLE MITCHELL,  
REV. E. D. PRETTY,  
MR. JOSEPH WILDER,  
REV. J. T. HOCUTT,  
MR. JAMES E. MITCHELL,  
MISS GLADYS M. SANDERS,  
MR. HERMAN MITCHELL,  
MISS RUBYSTINE JUDKINS,

Committee.

### Temperance

We your Committee on Temperance wish to make the following report:

We should refrain from strong drink or anything that would be harmful to our bodies and souls. When we fail in temperance our whole life is a failure. Be wise; be safe.

Respectfully,

MRS. LILLIE M. SCARBORO,  
MISS ERMA HORTON,

MISS BERNISE ALSTON,  
MISS MAZIE A. BELL,  
MR. WILBERT SMITH,  
MISS LOIS TOMLINSON,  
MISS MARY M. JONES,

Committee.

### Officers

We, your Committee on Officers recommend the following officers for the coming year:

President, Mr. W. R. Collins; Vice President, Mr. J. A. Holden, Jr.; Recording Secretary, Mr. John W. Mitchener; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lottie M. Holt; Auditor, Mr. Quinton Wall, Jr.; Musical Directors, Rev. W. H. Pair and Miss Geneva Gardner; Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Sanders; District Attendance Supervisor, Mrs. L. M. Sanders; Executive Board—Mr. J. A. Byrd, Mrs. Nora McNeil, Mr. M. W. Heartley, Jr., Rev. N. C. Sanders, Rev. A. G. Coley, Mrs. Tillie M. Scarboro, Mr. Marion Goodson; Missionaries—F. V. Sanders, Galilee District; James Conyer, Clayton District; Mrs. Nora McNeil, Smithfield District; Mrs. Marie Everett, Selma District; Mrs. Louise H. Cheatham, Raleigh District; Rev. Frank Emery, Piney Grove District; L. B. Watson, Lees Cross Road District; Mrs. Lillie M. Scarboro, Spring Hill District.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PAIR, Chairman,  
MRS. LILLIE M. SCARBORO,  
MISS ELSIE M. WATSON,  
DEACON N. A. BUSH,  
DEACON JAMES CONYERS,

Committee.

### President's Address

We your committee on President's Annual Message recommend that the gist of the message be adopted in its entirety, also the recommendations, with the exception of No. 5.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. N. C. SANDERS,  
REV. A. B. JOHNSON,  
MRS. L. M. SANDERS,  
REV. A. A. HEARTLEY,  
MRS. MAGGIE GARDNER,

Committee.

## Gist of President's Message

### FACTORS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

1. Lack of parental interest and care.
2. Insufficient economic means to properly care for children by parents.
  - a. Child assumes adult responsibilities too early in life.
  - b. The effect of poorly selected pictures.
  - c. Parents indifference toward religious principles and failure to interpret the ways of the Lord to their children.
  - d. Ignorance is a contributing cause.
3. Adult planning for youthful recreation of the proper kind in many respects represent no constructive planning at all.
4. Hypocritical Christian beliefs, and church members who have ceased to grow, contributes greatly to this awkward plight of youth.
5. The decent people in the community will fight the juke joints—but they will not build and operate a decent place for the boys and girls. (There must be a substitute.)
6. Insincerity in religious practices contributes to the confused nature of the delinquency problem.
7. Ineffective adult leadership can be credited with a large share of youthful delinquent behavior.
8. Correctional training institutions would relieve society and make for better and more constructive growth on the part of youth.
9. The failure of the Sunday School, B. T. U., and other church auxiliaries to make a program attractive enough to draw young people—makes it easy for the community to attract the individuals.
10. The lack of real comradeship between mother and daughter, son and father, paves the way for waywardness.

### Recommendations Submitted by the President

Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention meeting at the First Baptist Church, Smithfield, N. C., June 6, 1947:

1. The Convention conduct at least once a year a special campaign for members among those individuals who represent the delinquent class—both youth and adults. (In order that this action might become an annual affair, the President would offer a silver loving cup, as a rotating prize to be awarded annually to the Sunday School that enrolled the largest number of persons from this particular group.) Special blanks would be furnished by the President to be filled out for each new member from this class by the Sunday School. All of these blanks would be filed with the President through the Sunday School secretary, and a canvass of these blanks would determine the winning school.
2. That the public schools, the Sunday School, and the Church co-operating, and leading community organizations, join in a district-wide Youth Week Program, during the month of September—exact date and program to be arranged by a special committee, to be appointed by the President.
3. That the climax for the special youth week observance will be a banquet supper for the class of people mentioned here, with the



better class of persons doing the honors. (Details here would also be worked out by the special committee.)

4. That the Sunday School Convention go on record as endorsing the work of the Boy Scouts, and urge the organization of Boy Scout troops in every community possible within our district. This recommendation includes Girl Scout troops as well. (A committee to study the possibilities of the Convention to make more specific contributions to this cause, should be appointed.)
5. I propose a central headquarters for our Convention, as a means of coordination of our efforts. (The work of a committee here is also suggested.)

Submitted by W. R. COLLINS,

President Johnston District S. S. Convention.

June 7, 1947.

### Executive Session

Smithfield, N. C., June 7, 1947.

The Executive Board of Johnston District Baptist Sunday School Convention, convened in a called session. President W. R. Collins, presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. N. C. Sanders; then President Collins announced the house in order for business.

After careful and thoughtful discussions, the following was recommended:

1. That we use one more year for study and stage our 1948 Annual Convention the fourth week in June; at which time we set a permanent date.

2. We recommend our present financial budget, with the addition of \$20.00, to discontinue the registration system and also \$25.00 to purchase a portable record system for our Convention.

Adjourned at pleasure.

(Read and adopted by Convention.)

### Collections — Annual Convention

June 1, 1947—Brought forward .....	\$367.65
From Missionaries .....	165.24
Jubilee Program .....	12.00
Representation Fees .....	203.20
Public Collections .....	79.87
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>827.96</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

W. R. Collins—Services .....	\$ 15.00
Rev. E. C. Brook—Address .....	10.00
Rev. A. A. Heartley—Sermon .....	6.00
Miss Geneva Gardner—Services .....	3.00
Mrs. Louise H. Cheatham—Services .....	2.00
Miss Elsie M. Watson—Services .....	2.00
Mrs. Lottie M. Holt—Services .....	7.00
Rev. A. A. Heartley—Services .....	5.00
Rev. Q. K. Wall—Services .....	3.33
Rev. F. V. Sanders—Services .....	3.33
Rev. J. T. Hocutt—Services .....	3.33















